

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO CHEF VINCENT HENDERSON, MOBILE'S CULINARY AMBASSADOR

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2013*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a local legend, who—through his many talents—introduced the culinary treasures of Mobile, Alabama to the world. On July 5, 2013, we lost Chef Vincent Henderson, but we will always fondly remember his warm smile, passion for living and the best creole cooking on the Gulf Coast.

A native of Mobile, "Vince" Henderson grew up surrounded by an appreciation for cooking. His father owned the original Best Grill in Mobile. In an account published in the Mobile's Lagniappe newspaper, Chef Henderson talked about those early days that had such an influence upon his life as Mobile's culinary ambassador. "As a young child, on Saturdays some of my brothers and sisters, we would sit down with a 100-pound box of shrimp. It would take us all day, outside, to wash and sort the shrimp into three sizes. We knew which ones to put aside for frying, for gumbo and other uses."

Not only did Vince continue to glean cooking knowledge from his father's restaurant business throughout his childhood, but he also widened his experience by engaging in various other jobs, ranging from waiting at multiple restaurants to washing dishes in Mobile's first Chinese restaurant. He managed to have multiple side jobs throughout his vigorous pursuit of the math and chemistry degree he earned during college, showing his determination and his love for the culinary world. These jobs were merely the beginning for Vince.

Due to his persistence and his vast gustatory experience, Vince rapidly ascended up the ranks of the culinary world. His exquisite Cajun cooking allowed him to quickly become a notable name, particularly in Washington, D.C. Alexis Herman, former Secretary of Labor and friend of Vince's, commissioned him to cater events for the Democratic National Committee. This entre gave Vince the opportunity to expose many other prominent figures and organizations to his authentic, creole cooking. He was hired to prepare his unique Gulf Coast delicacies for the events of the Congressional Black Caucus, the former First Lady Hillary Clinton, and a famous basketball player, Dikembe Motombo. One of the most notable highlights of Vince's career, he was the first African American caterer to serve inside the White House.

Vince eventually returned to his native Mobile after distinguishing himself as one of the most prominent chefs the city has ever seen. Requests for his culinary talents were unceasing upon his return, and he was even commis-

sioned to return to D.C. in 2010 to cater a meal for Surgeon General Regina Benjamin. These prestigious examples of Vince's work are merely a scratch on the surface of all of the people who had the privilege of enjoying Vince, and his delectable meals, throughout his years.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of South Alabama, I would like to personally extend my condolences to Vince's beloved brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, and multitudes of friends for their loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO HEALTH DELIVERY INC. FOR 44 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE—HEALTH DELIVERY, INC. IS RECOGNIZED DURING NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK FOR 44 YEARS OF SERVICE

**HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2013*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating and recognizing a locally-owned small business in my district, Health Delivery Inc., for 44 years of dedicated service.

Health Delivery Inc. is a community health center located in the Fifth Congressional District. For 44 years this community health center has helped many residents of the Fifth Congressional District and I ask the 113th Congress to join me in recognizing them for their hard work and dedication.

Health centers are located in underserved areas and locally-controlled by patient-majority boards, making each health center responsive to the needs of the individual community it serves. The health center model has been proven to be an effective means of overcoming barriers to access for the medically underserved and in doing so, improving health care outcomes and reducing health care costs.

As locally owned and operated small businesses, health centers also serve as critical economic engines helping to power local economies. In these difficult economic times, health centers are economic drivers in their communities. This year, over 400 communities nationwide submitted applications seeking a health center, for an anticipated 25 awards. This vividly demonstrates an overwhelming demand for access to comprehensive primary care across the nation.

The services provided by Health Delivery Inc. greatly benefit Michigan and the Fifth Congressional District by delivering comprehensive, high quality and accessible health care. Health Delivery Inc., is committed to expanding to meet the needs of the communities

they serve and to grow their reach to serve every individual who currently lacks regular access to a health care home.

It is fitting, Mr. Speaker, that Health Delivery's anniversary falls close to National Health Center Week. National Health Center Week offers the opportunity to recognize America's health centers, their staff, board members, and all those responsible for the continued success and growth of the program since its creation almost 50 years ago.

During National Health Center Week, we recognize the multitude of ways in which America's Health Centers are transforming care in local communities. I encourage every Member of Congress to visit their local health centers and celebrate the important role they play in serving our communities.

### CONGRATULATING DR. CHRIS COOPER ON RECEIVING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF GOVERNORS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

**HON. MARK MEADOWS**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, August 2, 2013*

Mr. MEADOWS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chris Cooper, associate professor and head of the Department of Political Science and Public Affairs at Western Carolina University (WCU), for receiving the University of North Carolina Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching.

A faculty member at WCU since 2002, Dr. Cooper regularly wins rave reviews from his students and praise from his faculty colleagues for his engaging and dynamic teaching style.

In addition to his innovative teaching techniques in the classroom, Dr. Cooper is known for playing an instrumental role in implementing a new master's-level capstone experience at WCU where students demonstrate their competence in public affairs by working directly with community partners.

An active researcher, Dr. Cooper has written numerous articles, including editorial columns for newspapers across the state, and made many television and radio appearances due to his expertise on political issues.

Dr. Cooper won the WCU Distinguished Scholar Award in 2011 and the WCU Chancellor's Award for Engaged Teaching in 2007.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the entire 11th District of North Carolina, I congratulate Dr. Cooper on being named one of the best teachers in the University of North Carolina system and thank him for his commitment to the students of Western Carolina University.

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